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**GO SERV “SPOTLIGHT”
HONORS SHERIFF’S COMMUNITY SERVICE UNIT**

Volunteers Work to Keep Their Community Safe

SACRAMENTO – This week, the Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) *Spotlight* shines on the Tuolumne County Sheriff’s Community Service Unit. Started over ten years ago, this nearly 100 strong unit of men and women has volunteered over 163,000 hours of service.

“We need more volunteers like the Tuolumne County Sheriff’s Community Service Unit,” Executive Director of GO SERV, Chuck Supple said. “These volunteers decided that they wanted to take an active role in making their community safe and I applaud them for their efforts.”

The volunteers all receive continuous specialized training for the duties they perform. One of these duties is the Community Assistance Patrol (CAP). The volunteers patrol communities in marked cars, providing roadside assistance to motorists, serving criminal subpoenas, securing and protect crime scenes, and also assisting the District Attorney’s Office with the Victim Witness Program. The CAP volunteers also can issue parking citations for handicap parking violations, assist in the county disasters, take field reports, as well as assist traffic and parking at special community events.

Another segment of the volunteers serves in the Sheriff’s Boating Enforcement unit. These specially trained volunteers work alongside deputies to patrol Tuolumne County’s lakes and reservoirs. They also serve as certified First Responders to provide emergency medical services at boating accident scenes, as well as perform search and rescue for lost or drowned boaters.

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Recently, the Boat Patrol and CAP volunteers provided 853 hours of service to the FBI by assisting them with a nationally publicized kidnapping case, helping in location and recovery efforts at a local county reservoir.

While the patrol cars and boats are provided by the Sheriff’s Office, the Community Service Unit raises money through community donations which is used to cover operating expenses, office rent, supplies, computers, FAX machines, and patrol radios. The volunteers also pay for their own uniforms and equipment.

The GO SERV *Spotlight* is a weekly recognition program, honoring community service organizations or individuals involved in community service. To view the full *Spotlight* story, please visit the GO SERV Web site at www.goserv.ca.gov.

Spotlight nomination forms, as well as other volunteer opportunities, are also available on GO SERV’s website.

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